



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: GRAUPNER et al. Examiner: Avellino, J.
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Title: **METHOD AND FRAMEWORK FOR GENERATING AN OPTIMIZED
DEPLOYMENT OF SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS IN A
DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING ENVIRONMENT USING LAYERED
MODEL DESCRIPTIONS OF SERVICES & SERVERS**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST
FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 29, 2005, reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

The Remarks begin on page 8.